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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
STEPHEN F. GASS

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Serial No.: 09/676,190

Examiner Boyer D. Ashley

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Group Art Unit 3724

For: SAFETY SYSTEMS FOR POWER EQUIPMENT

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATIONAND FOURTH AMENDMENT

Applicant hereby requests continued examination under 37 CFR §1.114. An authorization to charge a credit card is enclosed to cover the fee required by 37 CFR §1.17(e) for small entities.

This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2004. Please amend the claims as set forth on the following pages 2-6. Applicant's remarks begin on page 7.